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On our trip to campmeeting on the outside of Conyers, Ga. right off the free way on an amusement theme park looking sign is the Title for the Church in the

New! " underneath the words the church in the new is the name of their Bishop, Pastor, Facilitator (I'm not sure) Apostle Jim Smiley. Yes its a non-denominational, non traditional multicultural megaplex, hodgepodge of charismatic vibrations. Apostle Jim and wife Pastor Debra have presided over the church in the New for nearly 3 years. What they do and who they are not my concern tonight its the word

I. He Sent Them ch Plural ^{v57}

I'll never forget the first time going door to door visitation and how we went ~~paired~~ up. There are some reasons for this

A. For a Principal Reason - This is done for a legal reason Deut 19:15

Let two give testimony that what is being said is true. There is a principle of Prayer in Matt 18:19. There is also a principle of Encouragement there as well Ecc 4:9-10. Also Ecc 4 goes on to say that a 3 fold cord is not easily broken. This is the picture of any of you out to serve and Christ in each on 3 fold cord

B. For A Pattern of Relationship

Turn back to Ch 3:14. Notice that he called them to be with Him first then he sent them out for service. What a pattern for us. First be with Him, at his feet listening to his voice, strengthened by his touch, then he sent by him. If we are to be sent for powerful effective ministry, we must be rightly related with Him and rightly related with each other.

II. He Sent Them With Power

found it interesting that in the previous passage Christ's power was restricted but in vs 7 Christ's power was replicated. Reminds me of Jn 1:11-12

A. See The Confering of Power

Notice in 7c He gave them power. the word power = authority. Remember in Ch 1:26-27 how the marveled at Jesus' power = authority. This divine authority was given to his Apostles. Although many of the demonstrative powers of the early Apostles have ceased, He has not left us powerless. The Church of Jesus Christ has been given the power of H.G. Acts 1:8

B. See The Continuation of Power

Not the word 'gave' it is in the continuous tense. He not only gave power one time But he gave power again and again and again! Likewise the Church is

1) ...it's the word apostle. Apostle? In our text the word forth in verse 7 is the Greek word there is 'apostello', the word we get 'apostle' from. 'Apostle' means 'sent one', 'apostello', 'to send them'. Literally here's a definition of it: 'To send forth as an ambassador on a commission to represent another, and to perform some task'. In the strictest sense of the term there are only 12 apostles, 12 which Christ sent to set the foundation of the Church in place. But in the most loose sense of the term, every child of God is to be an apostle. A sent one. We are also ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ. In that sense we are 'sent ones' - 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul said: 'Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead', in Christ's place, as Christ's representatives, 'be ye reconciled to God'. We are to have an effective powerful service just as these Apostles did. And the Lord Jesus Gave us a pattern for doing so..

2) Deuteronomy 19:15 ...at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

3) Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

4) Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

5) John 1:11-12 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

6) Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

1) Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. 2 Timothy 1:7-8 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2) ...The puritan writer Philip Brooks: 'Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for powers equal to your tasks'

3) Matthew 10:10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. Luke 9:3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4) ...the message of the lowly carpenter from Nazareth who had no place to lay his head. This point is emphasized in that great Hymn of the faith by Ray Stevens: "Would Jesus Wear a Rolex on His Television Show"... would he wear a pinky ring would he drive a fancy car....

constantly being supplied with power
for the commanded labors. Paul prayed
that the church. (Eph 3:16 Rom 15:13 2 Tim 1:7-8)
I don't know about the Church in the new land
I know that there's Power for the Now! Paulam Miller

III. He Sent Them with Promise -

These believing, empowered Apostles were
sent out with a promise a promise to
be proved by their preparation vs 8-9

A. Promise of Provision The parallel
account in Matt 10:10 says ³ also Luke
9:3 says, Contradiction? No Notice the
"5's" Staves Shoes. Jesus is telling them not
to take any thing extra but to rely on

His own provision. These men are
being trained to step out on faith. I love
the story of Hudson Taylor how in preparing
for missionary to China, would not remind his
absent minded employer to pay him but would ^{rely on} prayer.

B. Promise Over Position - V10 -

Jesus is warning them against walking into
a village and shopping around for the best
house. Moving from place to place in order
to improve their position. That would

compromise the message. Their meager
appearance and housing that people would
not be attracted by the wrong thing. Often
in much of Christian ministry all flamboyant &
extravagant lives can distract from the message of

IV. He Sent Them With Preparation

Jesus is always up front about the costs of obeying and following Him, Mark 10:29-30
Matt 16:24. In our text he is preparing them for ^{what is to come} ~~A. Preparation for Denial~~ ^{VS 11A} Although

their miracles were amazing their message was organizing to hearers 'Repent' in VS 12. Turn from your way of thinking, your way of living and turn to God, Many would reject. The shaking off the dust of the feet was not an insult but a warning that symbolizes God's rejection of hearers. Jesus would do this in Gentile places. The Lord is commanding this for those ^{rejecting messengers} ~~B. Preparation for Declaration~~ 11B

The Lord Jesus is tempering their message their declaration with what will befall the rejecting hearer of the message of the Kingdom. Destruction of that greater than Sodom and Gomorrah. Pew survey has recently come out that fewer and fewer believe in a literal Hell. Fewer and fewer preachers preach a literal hell. The vision of lost souls plummeting into Hell should ^{our ministry} ~~instill~~

V. Closing VS 12-13 Effective

Service! Do you want the power of God for effective service replicated in you He Sent Them in Plural, w/Power, w/Promise w/Preparation

- 1) Mark 10:29-30 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.